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S. 1289

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Measuring the Eco-
3 nomic Impact of Broadband Act of 2019”.

4 SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS REGARDING THE EF-

5 FECT OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY ON THE

6 ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation of the Senate;

15 (C) the Committee on Small Business and
16 Entrepreneurship of the Senate:

22 (F) the Committee on Small Business of
23 the House of Representatives

6 (4) DIGITAL ECONOMY.—

15 (i) the digital-enabling infrastructure
16 that a computer network needs to exist
17 and operate; and

20 (5) DIGITAL MEDIA.—The term “digital media”
21 means the content that participants in e-commerce
22 create and access.

23 (6) E-COMMERCE.—The term “e-commerce”
24 means the digital transactions that take place using
25 the infrastructure described in paragraph (4)(B)(i).

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce and the Assistant Secretary, shall conduct an assessment and analysis regarding the contribution of the digital economy to the economy of the United States.

11 (c) CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—In con-
12 ducting each assessment and analysis required under sub-
13 section (b), the Secretary shall—

14 (1) consider the impact of—

15 (A) the deployment and adoption of—

16 (i) digital-enabling infrastructure; and
17 (ii) broadband;

(B) e-commerce and platform-enabled peer-to-peer commerce; and

(C) the production and consumption of digital media, including free media; and

22 (2) consult with—

1 of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the Bureau
2 of Labor Statistics, the Administrator of the
3 Small Business Administration, and the Federal
4 Communications Commission;

(D) representatives from consumer and community organizations.

13 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the ap-
14 propriate committees of Congress a report regarding the
15 findings of the Secretary with respect to each assessment
16 and analysis conducted under subsection (b).

Passed the Senate June 5, 2019.

Attest: JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary.